

A LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVE

#### STATE OF THE STATE

| ☐ The Midwest continues as a major methamphetamine manufacturing area.            |
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| ☐ Thefts of Anhydrous Ammonia are rapidly increasing throughout the region.       |
| □ Purity levels of methamphetamine range from 25% to 95%.                         |
| □ Crack cocaine is predominate.   |
| □ Ecstasy/MDMA is infiltrating the region.  |
| ☐ Heroin (black tar & brown) is available in various parts of the region.         |
| ☐ Marijuana continues as a mainstay drug throughout the region.                   |
| ☐ Drug traffickers consist of both organized groups and splintered "cell" groups. |

### Methamphetamine

- d-methamphetamine
  - Ephedrine/pseudoephedrine
  - Mexican criminal groups
  - Caucasian local independents

- d,l-methamphetamine
  - Phenyl-2-Propanone
  - Half as potent
  - OMGs





# d-methamphetamine



- Typical dose
  - 5 mg

- Common methods
  - Hydriodic Acid/Red-P
  - Iodine/Red-P
  - Birch Reduction

## Hypophosphorous

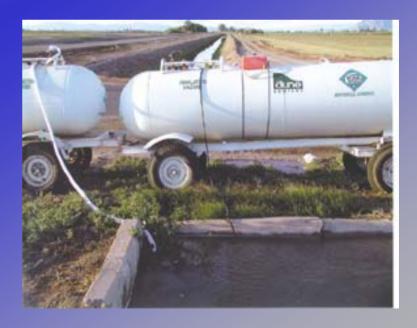
- Use of hypo as a substitute for Red-P
  - may be spreading East
    - No need to acquire or extract Red-P
    - No heat required
    - Increased quantity of purer product
- Potentially Deadly
  - Creates high concentration of hydriodic gas
  - Releases phosphene gas when heated



### Anhydrous Ammonia

- Essential chemical in Birch Reduction method
- Stored in Tanks in Farm Fields
- Corrosive and Toxic Gas

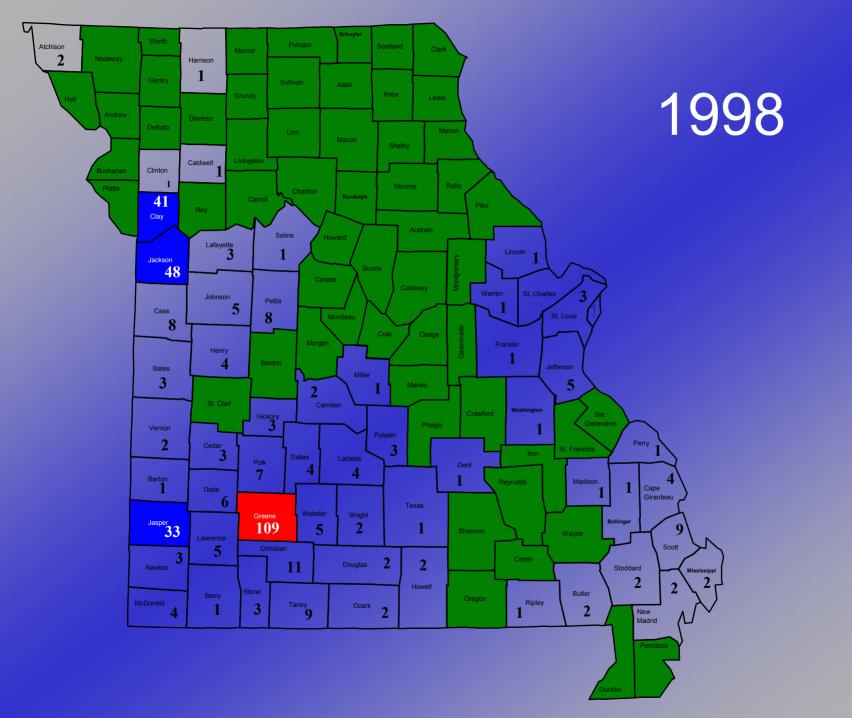


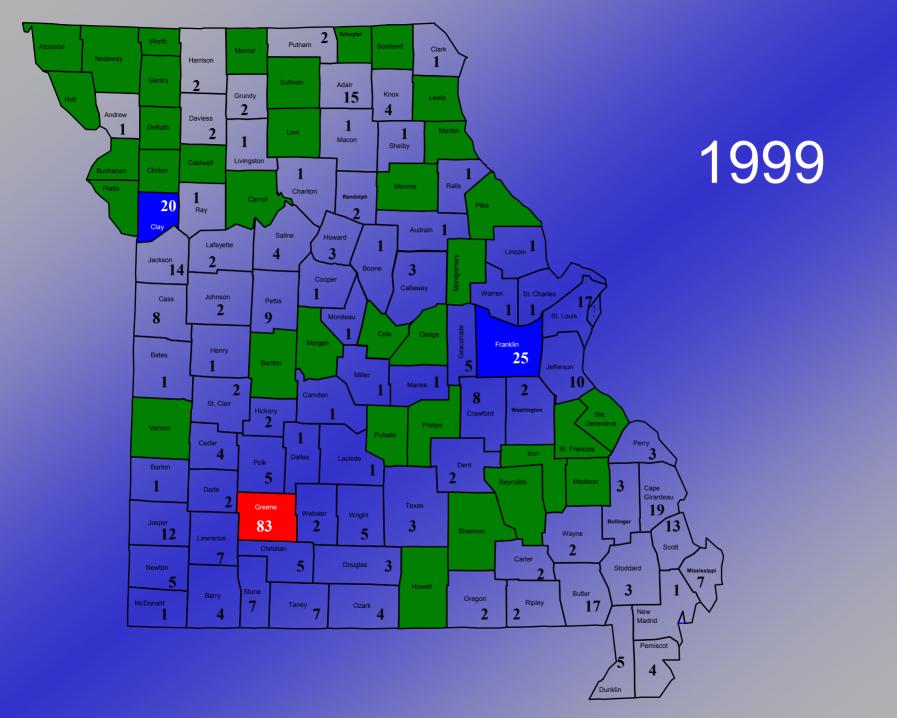


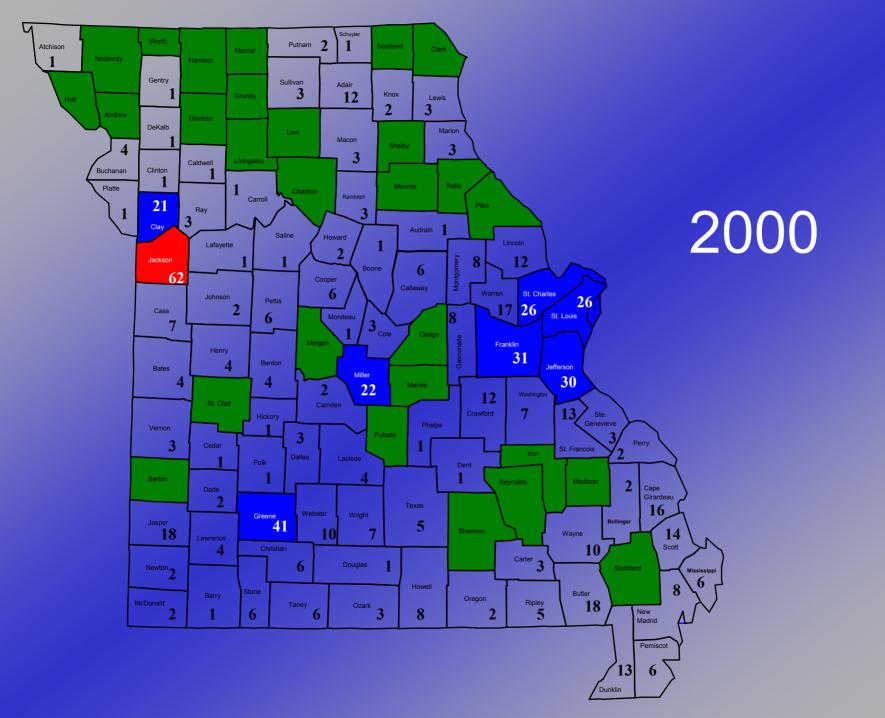
# Methamphetamine

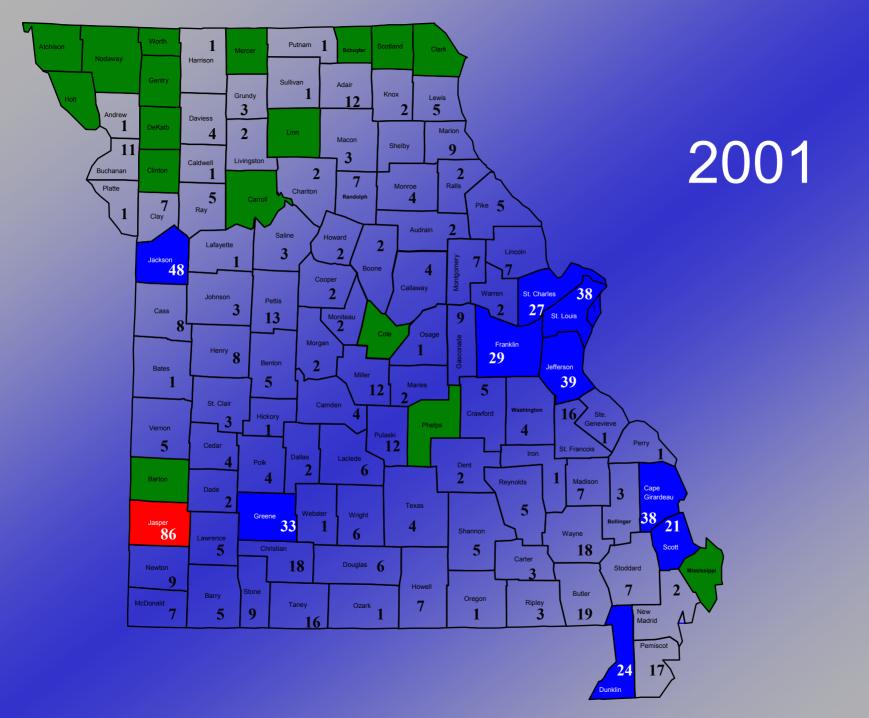
- The most powerful amphetamine, most commonly produced in Clan Labs
  - The most common production method is the use of many chemicals to convert Ephedrine to Methamphetamine some of which are:
    - Iodine Crystals
    - Rock Salt
    - Battery Acid
    - Ammonia
    - Starting Fluid
    - Cold Medicine
    - Red Phosphorous Matches
    - Road Flares
    - Pool Acid
    - Red Devil Lye
    - Drano
    - Lithium Batteries
    - Acetone
    - Camp Stove Fuel

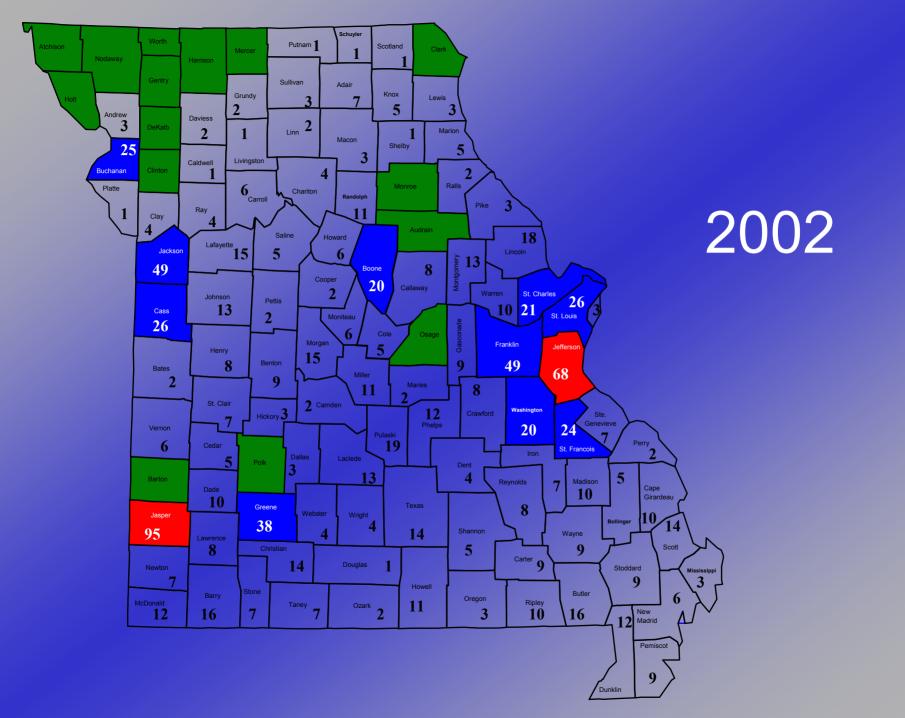












### Clan Labs

 You can find Clan Lab Materials Anywhere! If you do stay away!



# Colors of Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine can be found in many colors.
 Ranging from blue to yellow most often pure Meth is white, impurities in the processing can cause it to be off-white to tan in color



### Ice

- Methamphetamine produced into crystalline form
  - Colorless
  - Odorless
  - Smoked to produce an euphoric high that lasts up to 24 hours





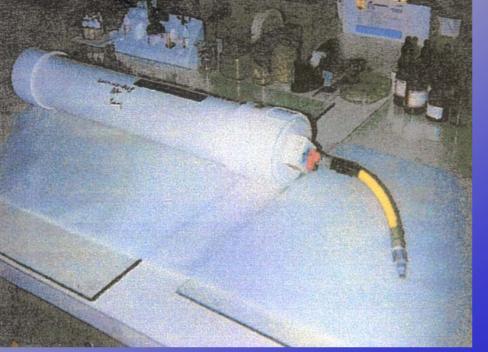


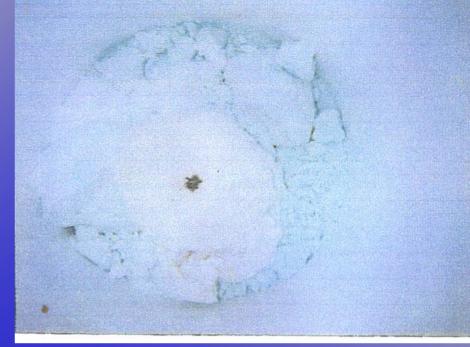






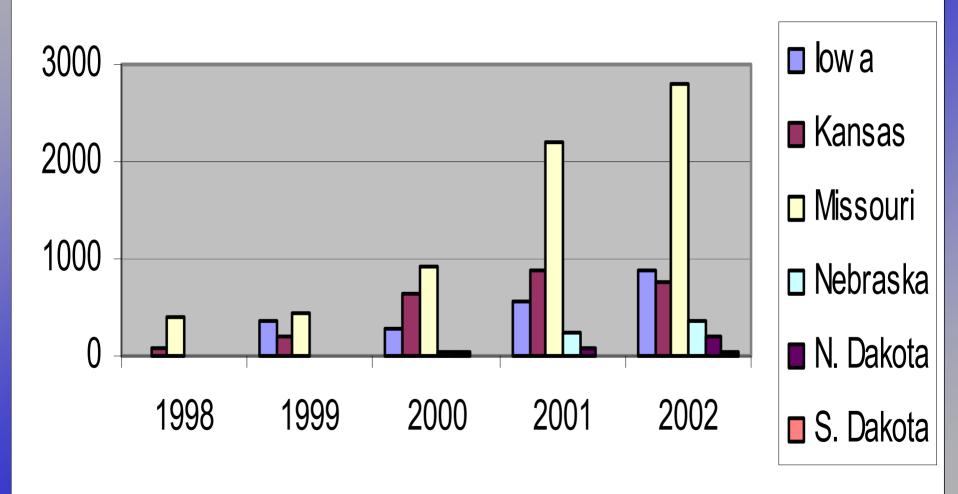








#### Clandestine Lab Events 1998 - YTD2002



|           | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002  |
|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| IOWA      | 356  | 283  | 579  | 868   |
| KANSAS    | 211  | 650  | 879  | 764   |
| MISSOURI  | 441  | 918  | 2183 | 2,788 |
| NEBRASKA  | 17   | 41   | 221  | 372   |
| N. DAKOTA | 14   | 34   | 85   | 209   |
| S. DAKOTA | 2    | 7    | 18   | 34    |

# Children Associated with Labs 1998-2002

| Children<br>Affected | Exposed to Toxic Chemicals | Injured<br>Child | Child<br>Killed | Child<br>Present | Protective Custody | Child<br>Residing |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 733                  | 427                        | 8                | 0               | 616              | 361                | 628               |
| #1                   | #1                         | #5               |                 | #3               | #2                 | #1                |
| 581                  | 203                        | 9                |                 | 2,704            | 824                | 284               |
| CA.                  | KS.                        | KS.              |                 | CA.              | CA.                | TN.               |

#### Distribution

- Wholesale
  - Mexican Criminal Groups
  - Caucasian Criminal Groups

- Retail
  - Local Independent Dealers
  - Mexican and CaucasianCriminal Groups
  - OMGs and Street Gangs

### Abuse

- AbuserDemographics
  - Caucasian
  - Male
- Administration
  - Injection



#### Federal Sentences - FY2001

**West Central** 

55.8%



**Nationwide** 

14.2%

Percentage of Drug-Related Federal Sentences that were Methamphetamine-Related

### Outlook

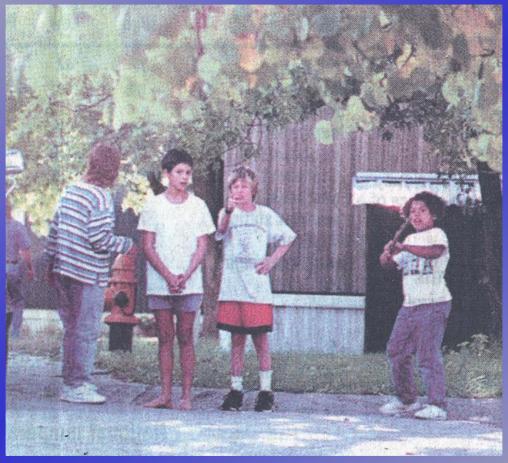
- Meth availability will increase
- Ice availability will increase
- Precursors will be less obtainable
- Hypophosphorous may spread East



# Drug Endangered Children

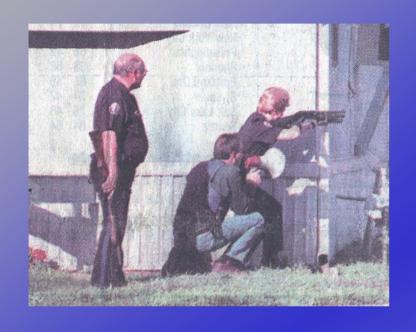
 2,704 children present at seized meth labs in 2001and it just keeps growing

# Drug's in the Community



Children at play on a typical summer day ....

# Drug Enforcement



Independence Officers outside a residence where a clandestine meth lab has been located.

Independence Officers preparing for a tactical entry into the residence.



# Drug Enforcement



Independence Police Special Response Team members walk up Breckenridge Drive past a group of children watching as they get ready to set up

#### Police standoff ends in 2 arrests

By Nathan Odgaard

A standoff lasting nearly six mine Task Force, e occupants out of their mobile

Kansas City Metro Methampheta-

surs. Wednesday ended when. Abraham said that at 2:45 p.m. The area was cleared, and fan thorities used tear gas to force the task force arrived at the home lies were removed from their to serve an arrest warrant. Task The standoff occurred in the but he refused to answer the door were in the home. 900 block of East 10th Street at and secured the home, Abraham

Sgt. Gordon Abraham of the bullhorn and the telephone, continued to try to make contact with

homes because task force mem force members saw a man inside, bers suspected meth components

"Any time you've got meth



From a vantage point around the corner of a mobile home, Independence

Independence Police Special Response Team members walk up Breckenridge Drive past a group of children watching as they get ready to set up operations nearby

The hazards presented by drugs are a threat to the community.



Methamphetamine Recovery in Kansas City, Missouri

# In Your Community?



# 6 OZ SEIZURE OF ICE



### Ya-Ba

- Highly pure methamphetamine pills manufactured in Burma.
- In the U.S., Mainly found in the Sacramento, California area.
- Small in size (about as big around as a pencil eraser).
- Seized pills included grape-flavored purple pills and vanilla-flavored orange/red pills.

# Ya-Ba (con't)

- "Nazi-speed," "crazy medicine."
- High can last up to 10 hours. Users generally take a pill orally or place it in foil, hold a lighter under it and smoke it.
- \$1.25/pill in Thailand, up to \$20.00/pill in the US.
- Hallucinations like Ecstasy, but are more intense and not euphoric like Ecstasy.

### Marijuana

Marijuana continues as a mainstay drug throughout the region.



According to the U.S. Forest Service, Missouri ranked 10<sup>th</sup> out of the top ten states for Cannabis (marijuana) cultivation or eradication on National Forest Service lands. The Mark Twain National Forest located in southern Missouri encompasses or extends into 29 counties. This beautiful countryside unfortunately provides a fertile environment for the cultivation of marijuana.

During CY01, officers eradicated <u>61.9 million</u> marijuana plants. Law enforcement officers destroyed over <u>11, 967</u> cultivated marijuana plants from both indoor and outdoor operations, 1,851 of which were sinsemilla, a higher-grade marijuana plant. Officers also seized <u>226.94</u> pounds of marijuana during the operation.

Cultivators utilize elaborate mechanisms to deter and alter law enforcement detection. Use of flares, pits filled with punji stakes, fishhooks dangling at eye level, guard dogs, trip wires linked to shotguns, and grenades or other explosives are commonly used

### INTERDICTIONS



### COCAINE

According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, the Eastern District of Missouri reported **51%** of its sentencing cases as drug related, while the Western District of Missouri reported **55.8%** drug related, both well above the national average of **39.8%**.

Powder cocaine was reported in 15.8%, while crack cocaine was 36.4% in the Eastern District. In the Western District, powder cocaine was reported in 15.4% of the cases while crack cocaine was 12%.







Seizure of two tons of cocaine hidden in the false front of a commercial produce van from Mexico



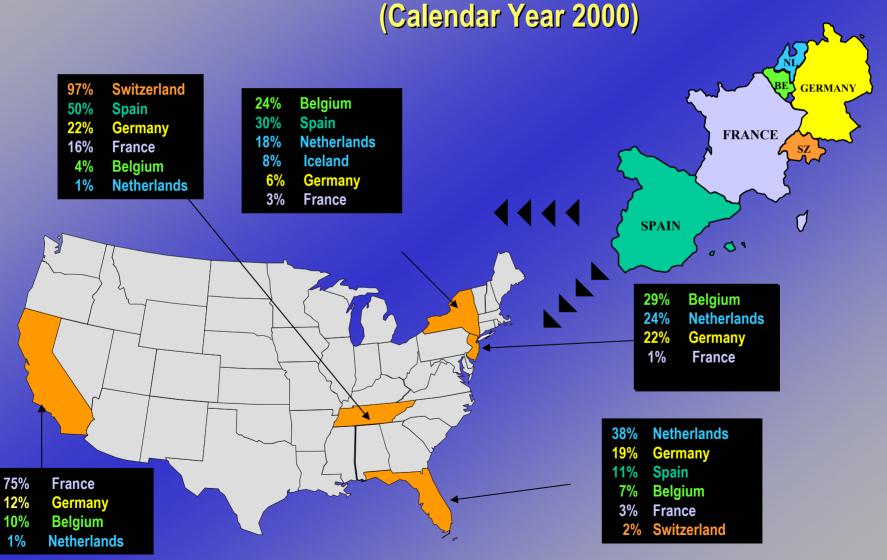
Seizure of 250 kilos of cocaine from the false ceiling in a refrigerated semi-trailer from Texas

### **MDMA**

What is Ecstasy?

Methylenedioxymethamphetamine

MDMA Commercial Airline Primary European
Departures And Arrival Locations



### G.H.B

### Gamma Hydroxybutyrate

"Date Rape" Drug



AKA: Scoop, "G",
Liquid X, Liquid E,
Gamma-Oh, Blue
Verve, Grievous
Bodily Harm,
Georgia Home Boy,
EZLay

• GHB is a powder but it is often sold and taken in solution (soluble in water and alcohol). Typical dose = 1 - 5 grams

Onset 15-30 min, duration 3 - 6 hr

• <u>Gamma Butyrolactone</u> (GBL) - industrial chemical, converted to GHB in the body. Used as precursor to synthesize GHB.

# GHB - The Effects (Gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid)

- Initial: Euphoria with reduced inhibitions similar to intoxication
- Then: Nausea, anxiety, confusion, amnesia, dizziness, grogginess, possible unconsciousness, convulsions, coma or respiratory arrest

### **KETAMINE:**

Special K, "K", Ket, Cat Valium



- Schedule III primary used as general anesthetic for veterinary use.
- Vet Clinics being burglarized for ketamine.
- Usually in liquid form, but can be evaporated in powder form.
- Cost \$20

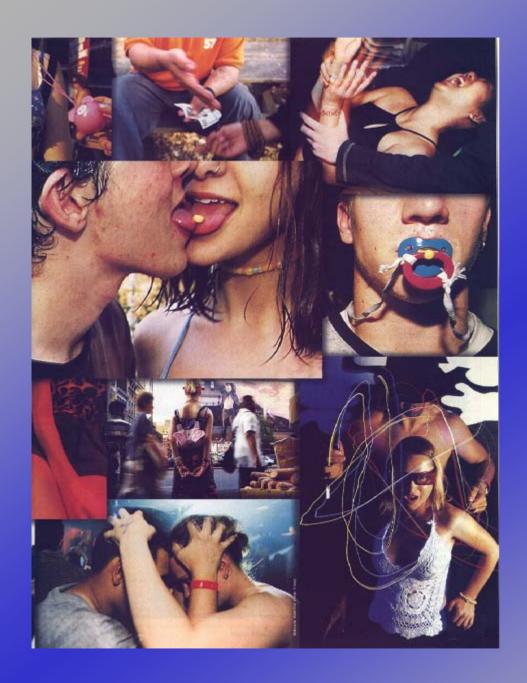
 Dissociative anesthetic for human (most usually children) and veterinary use.

Diverted from legitimate sources

 Phencyclidine-like (PCP) effects ranging from mild intoxication, hallucinations, delirium, catatonia and amnesia

 Taken by all routes, onset 5-15 min, duration 30-90 min Ketamine, like PCP, is called a dissociative anesthetic because it induces a lack of responsive awareness not only to pain but to the general environment without the corresponding depression of autonomic reflexes and other vital brain stem functions.

Ketamine appears to stimulate rather than depress the central nervous system while interrupting "sensory" or association pathways. It produces profound analgesia and amnesia but not necessarily loss of consciousness. Although not asleep, the subject seems completely unaware of the environment.



### RAVE / CLUB ATMOSPHERE

All night dance parties that are promoted as alcohol-free, non-violent entertainment with

**SECURITY** 



- Underground alternative philosophy
- 100's to 1000's young adults
- Loud electronic "POUNDING" music (140-180 BPM)
- Laser lighting, strobes
- Couches
- Illicit drugs
- VIP area
- Cool Down Room
- Staff, Security, DJ's

## Raves are Big Business

- The promotion, production, and business of raves
  - organize, finance and produce
- Size
  - 3,000 4,000 attendees per event
  - Average age range of attendee is 15-20
  - Cost of admission \$10.00 to \$50.00 & more
  - Cost of event is usually \$20,000 \$30,000
  - Profit from one event is in excess of \$100,000

### ECSTASY - Paraphernalia



- Pacifiers, Blo-Pops, Chumpa Chumps, Popsicle sticks
- M&Ms, Skittles, Tootsie-Rolls, candy necklaces
- Glo-Sticks, bottled water
- Dust / surgical masks
- Vicks Vapor Rub

## A Night At The "RAVE"



- \$20 cover charge
- \$35 Ecstasy
- \$20?? Ecstasy(when you're "stacking")
- \$20 water, Gatorade
- \$20 end of night Viagra?
- \$100 + TOTAL



**Prescription Fraud** 



### Violence

- Offenses
  - Homicides
  - Assaults
  - Kidnappings
  - Intimidations
  - DomesticViolence
  - Shootings





### **Concealment Methods**



GHB disguised as windshield solvent



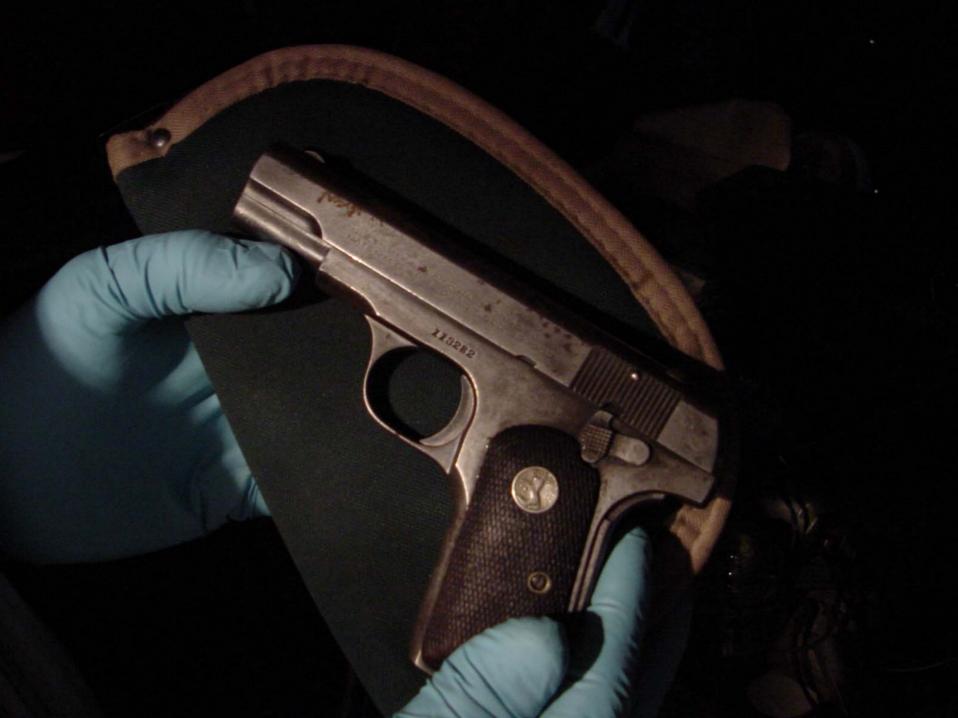
Ladybug refrigerator magnets containing MDMA known as "Ecstasy"



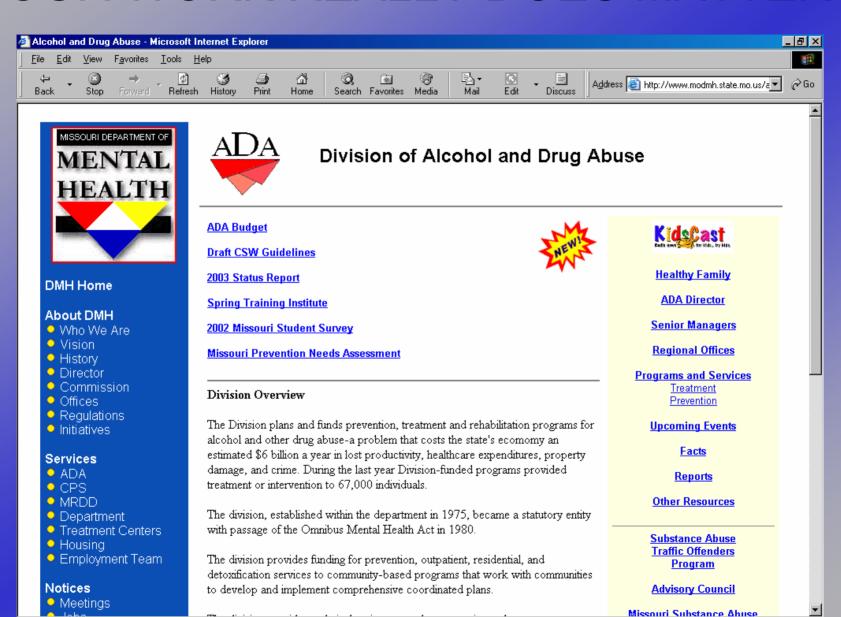


Crack cocaine in peanut shells





### YOUR WORK REALLY DOES MATTER





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